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**Inmate Death at FCI Mendota's Satellite Camp**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Friday, August 27, 2021, inmate William Waller tested positive for COVID-19 at the satellite camp adjacent to the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Mendota in Mendota, California. Mr. Waller was placed in medical isolation. Institution medical staff provided treatment and monitored his condition. On Friday, September 3, 2021, Mr. Waller was transported to a local hospital due to developing complications related to the virus.

On Wednesday, September 22, 2021, Mr. Waller's condition worsened and he was placed on a ventilator. On Saturday, September 25, 2021, Mr. Waller, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Waller was a 56-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Nevada to a 78-month sentence for Attempt to Evade or Defeat Tax, and two counts of Willful Failure to File a Tax Return. He had been in custody at FCI Mendota's satellite camp since November 26, 2019.

The satellite camp at FCI Mendota is a minimum security facility and currently houses 97 male offenders.

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